

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LOADING A SOFTWARE PLATFORM  
ONTO A COMPUTER SYSTEM**

**Abstract**

A method and system for loading a software platform onto a computer  
5 system is provided. The method and system allow a user to designate a target  
computer system by entering computer model and submodel identifiers, and to select  
a particular software platform. A control file pertaining to the selected software  
platform is then located and queried to identify an entry in the control file having  
computer model identifiers and submodel identifiers that match the entered  
10 identifiers. If a match is established, support data from the identified entry is  
displayed. Based upon the support data, a boot disk can be created and the selected  
software platform can loaded onto the designated computer system.